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**Consumer Information Sheet for the *NY Forward Rapid Test Program*  
Use of Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2 to Promote Safe Economic  
Activity**

**Overview**

- The NY Forward Rapid Test Program is intended to help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission among participants wishing to engage in certain economic activities in conjunction with industry and event specific guidance on capacity limits, testing, social distance, cleaning, face coverings and other requirements.

**Who Can Participate?**

- Only asymptomatic persons who have no recent known or suspected close or proximate contact to a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, have not received a positive test result for COVID-19 in the past 10 days, and have followed the DOH COVID-19 [travel advisory](#) if they've visited a state that does not border New York in the past 10 days may participate in the NY Forward Rapid Test Program.

**How to Interpret Your Results**

- **Individuals that receive a positive (+) result** will receive a phone call from the provider who ordered the test, or a representative, who will direct that you immediately go home or to another appropriate location conducive to isolating for 10 days or until a negative confirmatory test result from reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) or other laboratory-based nucleic acid amplification tests (NAATs) are received, if the individual chooses to seek confirmatory testing. To be valid, specimen collection for confirmatory testing must take place within 48 hours of the rapid antigen test. If the confirmatory test is negative and if the individual remains asymptomatic, the positive rapid antigen test will be considered a false positive, and isolation may be discontinued. This confirmatory testing sequence only applies to rapid antigen tests. To find a test site near you that offers confirmatory testing, please visit: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>.
- **Individuals that receive a negative (-) result** through the New York Forward Rapid Test Program may use such result to gain access to designated economic activity for a period of 6 hours starting from the time of specimen collection. **Negative (-) results from the rapid antigen testing conducted through the NY Forward Rapid Test Program do not mean that an individual is not at risk for contracting or spreading COVID-19, nor does a negative result absolve an individual from meeting all New York Forward public**

**health requirements, such as the use of face coverings, social distancing, hand and respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette, and other infection control measures.**

### **Additional Resources**

For further information, please visit:

- [DOH COVID-19 Website](#)
  - [DOH Find a Test Site Near You](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) COVID-19 Website](#)
  - [CDC Interim Guidance for Antigen Testing for SARS-CoV-2](#)
  - [CDC Respiratory Hygiene/Cough Etiquette](#)
- [Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) COVID-19 and Medical Devices](#)
  - [FDA COVID-19 Test Uses](#)